

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Examiner: Matthew P. Hodges

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For: FLAT PANEL DISPLAY DEVICE

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In the April 8, 2004 *Notice of Allowance*, the *Statement of Reasons for Allowance* indicates that claim 1 is allowable because "the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest ... the limitation of a display device including a first set of electrodes running parallel across a substrate and intersecting a second set of electrodes running perpendicular to the first set of electrodes where each terminal for the second set of electrodes runs parallel to the first set of electrodes and between adjacent pairs of first electrodes and extends into a peripheral region of the display panel."

Thus, it seems that the Examiner has attempted to paraphrase the features of claim 1 in his *Statement of Reasons for Allowance*.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over the references of record by virtue of its recited features, and that any paraphrasing of these features in the *Notice of Allowance* does not affect the scope of coverage of claim 1 in any way.

Additionally, the *Statement of Reasons for Allowance* indicates that claim 11 is allowable because “the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest ... the limitation of a display device of a flat panel including a first set of electrodes running parallel across a substrate and intersecting a second set of electrodes running perpendicular to the first set of electrodes where each terminal for the second set of electrodes runs parallel to the first set of electrodes and between adjacent pairs of first electrodes and extends into a peripheral region of the display panel.”

However, claim 11 in the instant Application is a dependent claim (from claim 1) that recites that the “substrate and said first electrodes are transparent.” Thus, Applicants believe that the Examiner is actually attempting to paraphrase the features of independent claim 16, rather than dependent claim 11.

In any event, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 16 is patentable over the references of record by virtue of its recited features, and that any paraphrasing of these features in the *Notice of Allowance* does not affect the scope of coverage of claim 16 in any way.

Still further, the *Statement of Reasons for Allowance* indicates that claim 31 is allowable because “the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest ... the limitation of an emission flat panel structure with emission devices of a matrix array including a first set of electrodes running parallel across a substrate and intersecting a second set of electrodes running perpendicular to the first set of electrodes where each terminal for the second set of electrodes runs parallel to the first

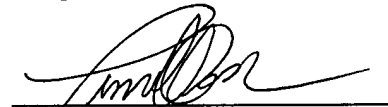
set of electrodes and between adjacent pairs of first electrodes and extends into a peripheral region of the emission device.”

Thus, it seems that the Examiner has attempted to paraphrase the features of claim 31 in his *Statement of Reasons for Allowance*.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 31 is patentable over the references of record by virtue of its recited features, and that any paraphrasing of these features in the *Notice of Allowance* does not affect the scope of coverage of claim 31 in any way.

Additionally, the Examiner has indicated that dependent claims 4-15, 17-30 and 32-37 are allowable “because of their dependency.” However, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency, not solely because of that dependency.

Respectfully submitted,



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